

Squirrel Creek Fire

Update
July 3, 2012
8:00 a.m.

Location: Albany County, Wyoming

Date of Fire Start: June 30, 2012 1:00 p.m.

Cause: Under Investigation **Size:** 6,700 acres (reduced from previous report due to more accurate mapping). **Containment:** 6 percent

Management: California Interagency Incident Management Team 4, Rocky Opliger (Incident Commander)

Cooperating Agencies: Albany County Rural Fire District #1, Wyoming State Forestry Services, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Laramie Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, American Cross

Fire Status: Yesterday, the Squirrel Creek Fire grew slightly to the west and to the north along Sheep Mountain. A significant success of the day was the establishment of an anchor point at Highway 230 on the south-west flank of the fire. From this anchor point crews were able to establish hose lays and build dozer line directly along the western flank. Construction of this line will continue today in a northerly direction along the fire's edge. Crews also focused on structure protection throughout the day yesterday. A Red Flag Warning has been issued for today due to expected strong south-west winds and low humidity. Firefighters will be on alert for increased fire activity due to the dry fuel conditions, increased winds, and the possibility of falling trees which have been weakened by insect damage throughout the area.

Resources: Total Personnel: 190
Hand Crews: 6 Engines: 9 Dozers: 1 Water Tenders: 1 Helicopters: 2

Structures Destroyed: Three outbuildings and one residence have been destroyed by the Squirrel Creek Fire.

Evacuation and Closure Update: An evacuation center has been established at the Albany County Fairgrounds. Please call (307) 721-1801 for more information. For evacuation and road closure information please go to the Albany County, Wyoming website:
<http://www.co.albany.wy.us/>

Public Meetings: A public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. tonight at Laramie Jr. High School, 1355 N. 22nd, Laramie, Wyoming. Representatives from the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the Incident Command Team, the U.S. Forest Service and the Red Cross will be speaking.

Further information may be obtained by calling: (307) 721-4445.

